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FOR LORD ONLY FROM BARTHOLOMEW

E.O. ,1652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH YUGOSLAV PLANNERS

REF: BELGRADE 6103

1. REFTEL (PASEP) FROM MARK PALMER RECOMMENDS THAT YOU AND OTHER S/P STAFF MEET AROUND OCTOBER 15 WITH YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY PLANNING CHIEF ZOTOVIC, WHO WILL BE IN US AS PART OF YUGOSLAV UN DELEGATION.

2. THORNTON MET WITH ZOTOVIC IN BELGRADE AND FOUND HIM TO HAVE A VERY IMPRESSIVE GRASP OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. HE IS ABLE TO TALK REASONABLY AND INTELLIGENTLY ABOUT BROAD ISSUES WITHOUT GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN IDEOLOGICAL CLAPTRAP OR THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY. HE WAS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE YUGOSLAV THORNTON MET DURING HIS TRIP. AS YOU AUTHORIZED, THORNTON EXTENDED A BROAD, GENERAL INVITATION TO ZOTOVIC TO VISIT S/P SOMETIME. UNFORTUNATELY, ZOTOVIC DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH BUT DOES COMMUNICATE WELL
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THROUGH AN INTERPRETER.

3. WE ARE CHECKING WITH HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT AND WILL RELAY THEIR VIEWS TO YOU AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

4. YOUR SCHEDULE IS OPEN AROUND OCTOBER 15. DEPENDING ON SCHEDULES, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER A TWO-HOUR SESSION, PERHAPS PRECEDED OR FOLLOWED BY A SMALL LUNCH.

5. WE HAVE JUST GOTTEN WORD FROM HARTMAN THAT HE THINKS THE VISIT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AND HOPES YOU WILL AGREE TO IT. NO WORD YET HOWEVER FROM SONNENFELDT. ROBINSON

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